

# Newton Conservation

## Land Management Highlights

### 2024

- Designed and installed new trail signs at all Conservation Areas
- Kessler Woods: Created trail across Conservation Land and Conservation Restrictions
- Houghton Garden: removed dead trees and repaired fence
- Norumbega: resurfaced trails to make them more stable and accessible

### 2023

- Webster Woods: Eagle Scout new stairs at Webster Cliffs
- Norumbega: Benches and erosion controls along Charles River
- Saw Mill Brook: new trail established

### 2022

- Old Deer Park: Conservation Area opened to the public
- Flowed Meadow: Eagle Scout new boardwalks
- Dolan Pond: Eagle Scout pollinator gardens

### 2021

- Dolan Pond: Resurface and regrade trail between boardwalk and Cumberland Rd trailhead
- Norumbega: Continue invasive species control (mowing and cutting vines)
- Oakdale Woods: Implement restoration plan for encroachment area
- Sawmill Brook: Reinforce existing boardwalk sections
- Old Deer Park: Create trail

### 2020

- Hahn Brook: Restore encroachment area
- Sawmill Brook: Restore encroachment area
- Webster Woods: Install stairs at DCR trailhead to improve safety
- Webster: Eagle Scout bench installation and trail re-routing
- Houghton Garden: Hydro-rake pond and stream, extend accessible trail

### 2019

- Hahn Brook: Dredge brook to improve drainage
- Kennard: Develop and implement invasive species control method
- Flowed Meadow: Replace stolen signs and improve trail to picnic area
- Norumbega: Restore eroded slope and create new path
- Oakdale: Restore encroachment area

### 2018

- Helen Heyn: New bridge over Country Club Brook
- Houghton Garden: New permanent boardwalks
- Norumbega: Continue invasive control (mowing and cutting vines)
- Saw Mill Brook: Removed graffiti from rocky outcroppings
- Webster: Continued invasive control methods (mowing)
- Wilson: New trail created by Newton Conservators

### 2017

- Charles River Pathway: Install two benches

- Dolan Pond: Re-establish connection from trail to dock, add stone dust to paths, repairs to existing stairs
- Houghton Garden: Remove dead hemlocks and other trees and add stone dust to paths
- Kennard: Repairs to existing boardwalk and stairs
- Norumbega: Continue invasive control (mowing and cutting vines), repair steps, add wood chips to the paths
- Webster: Hired goats to control invasive species in the Old Deer Park

## **2016**

- Charles River Pathway: Improve trail
- Houghton Garden: Phase II of invasive species control (cutting and swab phragmites) and installation of temporary boardwalks
- Norumbega: Continue invasive control (mowing and cutting vines) and put wood chips along the paths
- Webster Woods: Demolish a dilapidated barn

## **2015**

- Across Newton: Install new trailhead and conservation area signs – attractive and with maps
- Flowed Meadow: Spread woodchips on more paths
- Hunnewell: Create new trail connection to Hunnewell Park
- Houghton Garden: Initiate invasive species control (cutting and swab phragmites)
- Kennard: Remove old damaged fence; install new bollards
- Norumbega: Continue invasive species control methods
- Saw Mill Brook: Revamp parking lot, install new sections of boardwalk, undertake invasive species control effort
- Webster Woods: Install a new section of boardwalk

## **2014**

- Dolan Pond: Repair stone dust steps and pathways, repair boardwalk
- Flowed Meadow: Install new sections of boardwalk and spread woodchips on paths
- Norumbega: Initiate invasive species control methods (mowing and cutting vines)